

OASIS Alert

Diagnosis Coding: There's More To V Codes Than Aftercare

Hunting for V codes in the alphabetic index of your ICD-9 manual can be frustrating. They're tucked away under a wide variety of terms. To help shorten your search, **Charlotte Lefert, RHIA**, an independent health information management consultant based in Madison, WI, suggests keeping this handy list of main reference terms nearby.

Know These V Code Basics

In home care, you may list V codes as the primary (first listed) diagnosis, as is often the case for aftercare and rehabilitative therapy. You can also report V codes as additional diagnoses to identify the services your agency provides following an acute care episode or significant past health histories. The V Code Table in the ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting provides guidance for listing these.

